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August 14, 2019

This is a follow up to request number 872927:

To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to follow up on the following Freedom of Information Act request, copied below, and originally submitted on Jan. 12, 2019. Please let me know when I can expect to receive a response. You had assigned it reference number #872927.

Thanks for your help, and let me know if further clarification is needed.

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On Feb. 6, 2019:

Subject:

An acknowledgement letter, stating the request is being processed.

On Jan. 12, 2019:

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Records on Staff Departures and New

Hires at MSHA

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

A copy of records documenting the number of employees of the Mine Safety and Health Administration who were terminated/retired, or left the office for any reason, for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, as well as a copy of records documenting the number of new employees hired to work for the Mine Safety and Health Administration in the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.



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I am a career journalist with work that has appeared at The Daily Beast among other publications. I am willing to pay any reasonable expenses associated with this request, however, as the purpose of the requested disclosure is in full conformity with the statutory requirements for a waiver of fees, I formally request such a waiver.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Paul Gottinger

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